

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 25-31 (cancelled)

Claim 32 (currently amended): A cooking appliance with a cooking area for food, said appliance comprising

a water guiding device of low heat capacity in said cooking area for food, said device having at least one waterway, said water guiding device comprising a thin-walled panel having guide elements which determine direction and speed of flow of said exposed surface of said film in each said waterway, said guide elements comprising a plurality of elongate holes which are set obliquely to the direction of movement in a herringbone pattern.

a water intake for providing a film of water having an exposed surface which moves continuously along said at least one waterway under the effect of gravity, said exposed surface having an area and an intensity of movement, said water intake being regulatable to regulate the area and the intensity of movement of said exposed surface, and

a water outlet for receiving said film of water from said at least one waterway.

Claim 33 (cancelled)

Claim 34 (currently amended): A cooking appliance as in claim 33 32 wherein said panel consists of metal.

Claim 35 (cancelled)

Claim 36 (currently amended): A cooking appliance as in claim 32 further comprising guide elements formed by a plurality of elongate holes which are formed parallel to the direction of movement and limit each of said ~~waterways~~ waterway, said elongate holes having a spacing in the direction of movement that is smaller than their length.

Claim 37 (currently amended): A cooking appliance as in claim 32 further comprising guide elements which delimit at least one of said ~~waterways~~ waterway and are formed as at least one of raised features and recessed embossed features and beads and grooves.

Claim 38 (currently amended): A cooking appliance as in claim 32 further comprising guide elements which delimit at least one of said ~~waterways~~ waterway, said guide elements comprising guide strips.

Claim 39 (previously presented): A cooking appliance as in claim 38 wherein said guide strips are continuous along each said waterway.

Claim 40 (cancelled)

Claim 41 (currently amended): A cooking appliance as in claim 32 wherein said ~~water guiding device~~ is a panel ~~having~~ has apertures on both sides of each of said ~~waterways~~ waterway.

Claim 42 (currently amended): A cooking appliance as in claim 32 wherein said ~~water guiding device~~ comprises a thin-walled panel ~~having~~ has an end and a U-shaped channel mounted on said end.

Claim 43 (cancelled)

Claim 44 (previously presented): A cooking appliance as in claim 32 wherein said water guiding device has interruptions.

Claim 45 (previously presented): A cooking appliance as in claim 32 further comprising obstacles in said waterway.

Claim 46 (previously presented): A cooking appliance as in claim 45 wherein at least one of size, number, and position of said obstacles can be varied.

Claim 47 (previously presented): A cooking appliance as in claim 32 comprising a water intake connecting a plurality of said waterways so that the waterways are supplied with water one after another as the quantity of water supplied to said waterways increases.

Claim 48 (new): A cooking appliance with a cooking area for food, said appliance comprising

a water guiding device of low heat capacity in said cooking area for food, said device having at least one waterway,

a water intake for providing a film of water having an exposed surface which moves continuously along said at least one waterway under the effect of gravity, said exposed surface having an area and an intensity of movement, said water intake being regulatable to regulate the area and the intensity of movement of said exposed surface,

guide elements formed by a plurality of elongate holes which are formed parallel to the direction of movement and limit each said waterway, said elongate holes having a spacing in the direction of movement that is smaller than their length, and

a water outlet for receiving said film of water from said at least one waterway.

Claim 49 (new): A cooking appliance as in claim 48 wherein said water guiding device is a thin-walled panel having guide elements which determine direction and speed of flow of said exposed surface of said film in each said waterway.

Claim 50 (new): A cooking appliance as in claim 49 wherein said panel consists of metal.

Claim 51 (new): A cooking appliance as in claim 48 wherein said water guiding device is a panel having apertures on both sides of each of said waterways.

Claim 52 (new): A cooking appliance as in claim 48 wherein said water guiding device comprises a thin-walled panel having an end and a U-shaped channel mounted on said end.

Claim 53 (new): A cooking appliance as in claim 48 wherein said water guiding device has interruptions.

Claim 54 (new): A cooking appliance as in claim 48 further comprising obstacles in said waterway.

Claim 55 (new): A cooking appliance as in claim 54 wherein at least one of size, number, and position of said obstacles can be varied.

Claim 56 (new): A cooking appliance as in claim 48 comprising a water intake connecting a plurality of said waterways so that the waterways are supplied with water one after another as the quantity of water supplied to said waterways increases.